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2013 Older Americans Month Theme: *Unleash the Power of Age*

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In Radio Interview ASA Greenlee Says "Now is the Time to Pay Attention to Elder Abuse"

"Efforts to address elder abuse are 40 years behind those of child abuse and 20 years behind those of domestic violence" said Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary for Aging (ASA) and Administration for Community Living Administrator, in an interview last week on American University radio station WAMU 88.5 FM (Washington, DC). Greenlee added "That if we do not act now and apply the lessons we have learned from combating child abuse and domestic violence and sexual assault to develop a comprehensive approach that brings together all of the different resources to prevent elder abuse, the problem will only deepen. Elder abuse is a problem that is only going to intensify as the population ages and the number of older persons increases."

Administrator Greenlee and Bob Blancato, National Coordinator of the Elder Justice Coalition, who also participated in the interview, made it clear that elder abuse is a crisis.

For more from the Greenlee and Blancato interview, read Elderly Couple's Tale of Abuse Not So Uncommon, which also tells the story of James and Etta Jennings of Richmond, VA who endured abuse at the hands of a loved one.

The site also includes audio of an extended interview with ASA Greenlee, who responds to questions on three obstacles to addressing elder abuse:

- Sometimes victims of elder abuse are dependent on their abusers and fear what will happen if they lose that support.
- Many victims of elder abuse have dementia and are not able to testify in court.
- The challenge of sharing data among the dozens of federal, state and local agencies involved in preventing elder abuse.

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50th Anniversary of Older American Month

May 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of Older Americans Month. At the Older Americans Month (OAM) website, you can download materials, get suggestions on how you can spread the word about OAM's golden jubilee and access resources to help you plan an event in your community around this year's

theme, "Unleash the Power of Age." [Older Americans Month, 2013 Presidential Proclamation](#).

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on Older Americans Month

This May, we mark the 50th anniversary of Older Americans Month. Ever since President Kennedy declared the first celebration in 1963, we have honored the contributions seniors make to our communities and have celebrated their rich years and experiences. This year's theme, "Unleash the Power of Age," acknowledges older Americans' special abilities and know-how and encourages them to share them.

We're also reminded that all Americans benefit from having older adults in their lives. Thinking back to my own family and friends, the seniors I've been blessed to know have constantly enriched my life. They've taught me how important it is to share experiences across generations and open up opportunities to learn from each other.

[Read more](#).

Pension Rights Center Celebrates Older Americans Month

May marks the 50th Anniversary of [Older Americans Month](#), a celebration of the contributions older Americans make to society. The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has selected "Unleash the Power of Age!" as the 2013 theme. The theme highlights the significant positive ways that older Americans influence their communities.

The Pension Rights Center, funded by the ACL Administration on Aging, joins in the celebration by showcasing the role that [pension counseling projects](#) play in helping older Americans "Unleash the Power of Age."

[Click here](#) to read the blog on Older Americans Month by Joellen Leavelle, the Center's Outreach Manager.

[Click here](#) to watch a YouTube video produced by the Center that features several older Americans who have benefited from the Center's programs and services.

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Lyfechannel wins the healthfinder.gov Mobile App Challenge
App helps families make informed decisions about their health

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Assistant Secretary for Health, Howard K. Koh, MD, MPH, last week announced Lyfechannel as the

winner of the healthfinder.gov Mobile App Challenge. The winning app, called myfamily, will help individuals manage their family's health through customized prevention information for each family member -- all in one tool.

The app, which focuses on the preventive care benefits and services covered by the Affordable Care Act, will empower individuals to take greater action to improve and maintain their family's health. Users can find customized prevention information and tips for each member of their family, create personal health alerts, and keep track of medical check-ups and vaccinations. Research shows that patients who are better engaged in their own health care have better health outcomes and electronic tools can help them be better health consumers.

Click here for more information about myfamily app and steps on downloading it from iTunes.

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Conference Call for Those Working in the Field of Aging, Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, or Chronic Disease

Presented by the Administration for Community Living, this conference call is part of the Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP) Technical Assistance Call Series.

The presenter will be Denise Feil, MD, MPH, of the Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. The purpose of these calls is to provide helpful, current, and applicable information for professionals who work with people with dementia and/or their caregivers.

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2013
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. EST.

Click here for Online Registration.

Phone Registration: (888) 869-1189 or (706) 643-5902 (Conference ID #32038899 when registering by phone)

This call will also be recorded and posted on the ACL's Administration on Aging Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program webpage.

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2013 Webinar Series on Alzheimer's Disease and Resources

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) are collaborating to host a webinar series with the goals of 1) improving coordination of federal resources available to assist people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias and their family caregivers and 2) encouraging awareness of research participation opportunities.

NIA & ACL invite you to take advantage of these opportunities. You can register for all the webinars or just the one or two that most interest you. Registration will open approximately two months in advance of each webinar. The schedule is as follows:

Webinar #1: *Updates on Alzheimer's Disease Research & Resources*

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Much has happened since our first overview session in May, 2012. Join this session to find out the latest detailed information on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, including:

- The updated 2013 National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease
- Research updates & developments, including new clinical studies funded
- Resource updates & developments, including updates from alzheimers.gov, ADEAR, Eldercare Locator, and National Alzheimer's Contact Center

Presenters:

- Jane Tilly, DrPH, Office of Supportive & Caregiver Services, Administration on Aging, ACL
- Nina Silverberg, PhD, Assistant Director, Alzheimer's Disease Centers Program, NIA
- Jennifer Martindale-Adams, EdD, Co-Director, Caregiver Center, Memphis VA Medical Center
- Ruth Drew, Director of Family & Information Services, Alzheimer's Association
- Mary Osborne, Program Manager, Eldercare Locator, n4a

Jennifer Watson, Project Officer, Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center, NIA

Moderator: Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, ACL

To register for the online event:

1. [Click here](#) to open the registration site.
2. On the registration form, enter your information and click "Submit". Once the host approves your registration, you will receive a confirmation email message with instructions on how to join the event.

Webinar #2: *People with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and Dementia*
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2013
Time: 1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m. ET

Alzheimer's disease occurs three to five times more often among people with Down syndrome than the general population. People with intellectual or developmental disabilities and dementia may face unique challenges, as well as experiences similar to others with dementia. This session will cover:

- Overview of the scale and scope of issues
- Research directions and opportunities, including recruitment
- Specialized resources available

Presenters:

- Laurie Ryan, PhD, Program Director, Alzheimer's Clinical Trials, NIA
- Michelle Washko, PhD, Center for Disability and Aging Policy, ACL
- Seth Keller, MD, Co-Chair, National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices and Immediate Past President, American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry
- Ira T. Lott, MD, Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology, University of California at Irvine School of Medicine
- Andrew Morris, Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, ACL

Moderator: Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, AoA/ACL

To register for the online event:

1. [Click here](#) to open the registration site.
2. On the registration form, enter your information and click "Submit". Once the host approves your registration, you will receive a confirmation email message with instructions on how to join the event.

Webinar #3: *Diverse Populations, Health Disparities and Dementia*

Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2013
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET

Join this session to learn what experts know about the experience of dementia in diverse populations, and hear what researchers are doing to better understand and improve outcomes for people with dementia and their caregivers. This session will focus on American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian, African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people with dementia and their family caregivers.

Registration information to follow.

Webinar #4: *Younger Onset Dementia*

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2013
Time: 1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m. ET
The focus of this webinar will be on dementias that typically occur before age 65: Alzheimer's disease, behavioral variant frontotemporal degeneration and primary progressive aphasia. This session will also discuss the specific developmental, relational, and financial impacts of younger onset dementias, as well as detection, diagnosis, resources and research directions.

Registration information to follow.

Webinar #5: *Advanced Stage Dementia & Palliative Care*

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2013
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Details and registration information to follow.

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Funding Opportunities

Funding Alert: Jumpstart Youth-led Intergenerational Programs

Generations United and MetLife Foundation are awarding $1,000 jumpstart grants (along with technical assistance) to organizations to develop creative, youth-led intergenerational programs that address challenges in their communities.

Priority will be given to programs focusing on technology and/or building stronger, healthier communities. Initiatives must be youth-led and engage youth and older adults. Submit your application in writing or via a short video or other multi-media presentation.

Grantees will also have the opportunity to participate in youth leadership training and educational opportunities at the Generations United Conference in Washington, DC this summer. Learn more.

Applications are due by May 24, 2013.

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Apply for the 2013 Individual and Community Preparedness Awards Today

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is now accepting applications for its Individual and Community Preparedness (ICP) Awards.

Please nominate outstanding individuals, organizations, Citizen Corps Councils, and programs working to make our communities safer, stronger and better prepared for any disaster or emergency event.

The ICP Awards application period is open through June 5, 2013.

All submissions must feature achievements taking place between January 1, 2012 and June 5, 2013. Please submit your application to citizencorps@fema.gov.

A distinguished panel of judges from the emergency management industry will select the winners in each of the following categories:

- Outstanding State Citizen Corps Council Initiatives
- Outstanding Local Citizen Corps Council Initiative
- Outstanding Community Emergency Response Team Initiatives
- Outstanding Achievement in Youth Preparedness
- Preparing the Whole Community
- Awareness to Action
- Community Preparedness Heroes

Winners of the 2013 FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Awards will be announced in fall 2013. They will also be FEMA's honored guests at a community preparedness roundtable event in Washington, D.C. As you prepare your submission, don't forget to take a look at previous winners on our website.

Visit the Awards page website for more information on how to apply.

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Closing the Gap in Healthcare Disparities through Dissemination and Implementation of Patient Centered Outcomes Research

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) from the HHS Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is to identify strategies to engage stakeholders through shared decision making that can be used to effectively implement interventions specific to health care delivery systems, clinicians, and/or patients that focus on the reduction of racial/ethnic healthcare disparities in under-resourced settings. The effective strategies will incorporate the translation, dissemination, and implementation of patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) findings for racial/ethnic minority populations. Successful applicants are required to demonstrate an ability to leverage the capacities of relevant and diverse stakeholders in their strategies to reduce healthcare disparities in under-resourced settings.

Application details.

Letter of Intent is due June 14, 2013. The application Due Date: July 31, 2013, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

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Stay Informed

This Week's Quick Facts

In 2009 approximately 2.9 million of the 4.8 million persons with I/DD in the United States were receiving residential support from family caregivers. An estimated 731,000 of these individuals were residing with caregivers age 60+ and many if not most of these persons with I/DD require out-of-home residential support.

Older women report more problems with physical functioning than older men. In 2009, about 30 percent of older women reported they were unable to perform at least one of five activities, compared with 19 percent of older men.

AARP Solutions Forum

How to Improve Care and Lower Costs in Medicare: Promising Approaches will be the discussion topic of the next session of the AARP Solutions Forum. The *panel of experts will discuss:*

- New ways to organize care that is better for consumers and for the Medicare program, such as use of Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and medical homes
- Payment approaches that encourage health care practitioners to work together to provide better, more efficient care.
- Practices that help reduce hospital readmission, improve patient safety, and improve transitional care.
- Building infrastructure (such as health information – HIT) to support these structural changes.
- How we can enhance the value of prescription drugs across the health care system and Medicare.
- Practices that promote optimal medication use.

Speakers*:*

- Leah Binder, CEO, The Leapfrog Group
- Jennifer Eames Huff, Director, Consumer-Purchaser Disclosure Group
- Michael H. James, President and CEO, Genesys PHO
- Lisa McGiffert, Director, Safe Patient Project, Consumers Union
- Christine M Simmon, SVP, Policy and Strategic Alliances, Generic Pharmaceutical Association
- Patricia Smith, President and CEO, Alliance of Community Health Plans
- Nicholas Wolter, MD, CEO, Billings Clinic

Moderators:
- Susan Reinhard, AARP SVP and Director, AARP Public Policy Institute
- G. Lawrence "Larry" Atkins, President, National Academy of Social Insurance

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2013
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Site: Capitol View Conference Center, 9th Floor, 101 Constitution Ave NW Washington, DC 20001

Continental breakfast available at 9:00 a.m.

Register.

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AHRQ Innovations Exchange New Web Series

A Close Look at Care Coordination Within Patient-Centered Medical Homes: West Virginia's Experience will be the topic of the next session in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Innovations Exchange Web event Series.

The series is designed to share experiences and lessons learned in putting accountable care organization and patient-centered medical home principles into practice.

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET

View the event page.

Register.

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CDC Webinar on *Google Plus & YouTube for Public Health*

Join the CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) for the fifth in its free six part webinar series titled "In the Know: Social Media for Public Health." Each webinar will focus on a different social media channel and provides basic tips, information and hints for how to use them to meet your needs. The webcasts are live events and will include presentations and an interactive section so you can ask questions and share information.

Google Plus & YouTube for Public Health will explore how these social media channels can be used effectively for public health impact.

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2013
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Click here for more information and to register.

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Webinar on *Are You Ready? Planning and Preparing for National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month*

National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month 2013 is just around the corner. This July, organizations across the country will be taking part in this year's celebration. To help you get ready to take part, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health (NNED) are organizing a series of planning webinars. These webinars are designed to help interested individuals and organizations big and small plan a variety of community events

Are You Ready? Planning and Preparing for National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EDT

National Resource Center on Nutrition Aging Webinars on Identifying the Actual Cost of a Meal

As part of the Momentum Series, the National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging is sponsoring two different webinars on Identifying the Actual Cost of a Meal.

Part 1 – *What is the Importance for the Nutrition Program*

Part 1 of the two part series focuses on an overview from the state, area agency on aging and local provider perspective. A provider of nutrition services is fundamentally a business whose intent is to fulfill its mission—and not to lose money in the process. There is pressure to be cost-effective and full understand actual costs and acceptable "profit margins" before entering into the change business arena of insurance, managed care, and other funders of long term services and supports.

Presenters:

- Paul Downey, President/CEO of Senior Community Centers and President National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP)
- Leighanna Konetski, RD, Nutritionist, State Unit on Aging, Colorado Department of Human Services
- Maria Mahar, MA, RDN, CDN, Director of Nutrition Services, Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013
Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. EDT

Part 2 – *Understanding and Calculating Meal Costs*

Part 2 will focus on understanding all of the components of the total meal cost (not just the raw food cost) and will provide the tools to identify and calculate actual meal costs. Use of these tools will assist in monitoring and managing meal costs to assist in surviving in this competitive environment. Webinar participants will be given a workbook with cost management exercises and will have the opportunity ask questions and share ideas.

Presenter: Audrey McCool, EdD, RD, LD, Emeritus Professor from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013
Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. EDT

Register.

Click here to learn more about the Nutrition Resource Center, tools, and future webinars.

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HHS Partnership Center Health Care Law Webinars in May

The HHS Partnership Center continues to host a series of webinars for faith and community leaders. All webinars are open to the public and include a question and answer session.

To participate in one of the May webinars, please click on the title of the webinar and fill out the registration form. After registering you will receive an e-mail confirmation containing information about joining the webinar.

Contact the HHS Partnership Center at ACA101@hhs.gov if you have problems registering or if you have any questions about the health care law.

Make the Call, Don't Miss A Beat!

You are invited to a webinar titled Make the Call, Don't Miss a Beat! a webinar seeking to educate and empower women age 50+ and to encourage women to call 9-1-1 immediately when they experience any of the seven symptoms of a heart attack, and to do the same for their mothers, sisters, and friends. The HHS Office on Women's Health's new campaign builds on OWH's successful "Make the Call, Don't Miss a Beat" campaign that began in 2011. This webinar will be offered in English at Noon and in Spanish at 1:00 pm ET.

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013
Time: 12:00 p.m. p.m. ET

The Health Care Law 101 (in Spanish)

A presentation on the main provisions in the Affordable Care Act, the health care law, and how to access care in your community in Spanish. Information on the Health Insurance Marketplace and how to get updates on implementation of the law will be shared.

Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2013
Time: 3:00 p.m. ET

The Health Care Law 101

A presentation on the main provisions in the Affordable Care Act, the health care law, and how to access care in your community. Information on the Health Insurance Marketplace and how to receive updates on implementation of the law will be shared.

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013
Time: 2:00 p.m. ET

Webinar on *Partnering to Serve Veterans and Family Caregivers: Collaborative Opportunities with the Caregiver Support and Geriatrics & Extended Care Programs*

In FY 12, 8.8 million of the 22.3 million Veterans in the United States were enrolled in the VA Health Care System. In addition, many Veterans who receive care through the VA also receive care from community providers. The goal of this webinar is to promote cross-program collaboration between the VA and the Aging and Disability Services Networks at state and local levels.

The webinar will highlight services available through VA's Caregiver Support Program such as Building Better Caregivers, REACH VA, the Caregiver Support Line, Peer Support Mentoring and the role of the Caregiver Support Coordinator. The many services available to Veterans offered by Geriatrics & Extended Care including: Veteran Directed Care, Home Based Primary Care, Respite Care and a range of long term care community based support services will be covered.

At the conclusion of this program, Aging and Disability Network Providers will have an increased understanding of the VHA System of Care, knowledge of the supportive services and programs offered by VA to Veterans as well as key VA points of contact at state and local levels.

Presenters:

- Margaret B. Kabat LCSW-C, CCM, Deputy Director, Caregiver Support Program, Care Management and Social Work Services
- Daniel J. Schoeps, Director, Purchased Long Term Care Services and Supports, Geriatrics and Extended Care
- Patrick O'Keefe, Program Analyst, Geriatrics and Extended Care

Date: Thursday, May 30, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. ET

To register for this online event:
1. Click here to open the registration site.
2. Click "Register".
3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit".

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Webinar Reminders

FTC Forum on Senior Identity Theft: A Problem in This Day and Age

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will bring together experts from government, private industry and public interest groups to discuss the unique challenges facing victims of senior identity theft. The forum will include panels on different types of senior identity theft – tax and government benefits, medical and long-term care. It will also explore the best consumer education and outreach techniques for reaching seniors.

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2013
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EDT

Location: FTC Conference Center, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW
            Washington, DC 20001

Registration and Participation:

Participation in this event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required but it is encouraged. To pre-register, please email your name and affiliation to seniorIDtheft@ftc.gov.

For admittance to the building, all attendees will be required to display a valid form of photo identification, such as a driver's license.

For those who are unable to attend the forum in person, a live webcast will be available on the day of the forum. Click here on May 7th to link to the webcast.

FTC staff will live-tweet the event: #idtheft @FTC

Speaker Bios
Tentative Agenda

Click here for more information.

AHRQ Innovations Exchange New Web Series

The next session in the US Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Innovations Exchange Web event series will be on *Care Coordination Within Patient-Centered Medical Homes: West Virginia's Experience.*

Participants will explore questions such as:

- What are the issues related to providing coordinated care to special populations and patients in rural locations? What are some ways to resolve them?
- What are strategies for redesigning the workforce to support a team-based approach?
- How do you define staffing roles related to care coordination?
- What are issues and strategies related to training providers in population disease management?

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2013
Time; 1:00 p.m. EDT

Register.

Two-Part Webinar Series on Expanding Oral Health Access for Older Adults

Expanding Oral Health Access for Older Adults is a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) initiative involving the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, HHS Health Resources Service Administration, and the HHS Office of Women's Health. *Older Adults and Oral Health: Inspiring Community-Based Partnerships for Healthy Mouths* is the topic of the first of two webinars to be sponsored by this initiative.

The goal of this webinar is to describe the oral health status of older adults in the U.S., provide useful resources and highlight two innovative community approaches to improving oral health access for older adults.

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2013
Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. EST

Moderator:

Sabrina Matoff-Stepp, Ph.D., Director, Office of Women's Health, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Speakers:
- RADM William Bailey, USPHS Chief Dental Officer, and Acting Director, Division of Oral Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- CAPT Angel Rodriguez-Espada, Chief Dental Officer, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HHS Health Resources Service Administration
- Laura Lawrence, Director, Office of Nutrition and Health Promotion Programs, Administration on Aging, Administration for Community Living
- Omar L.Ghoneim, *DDS*, Corporate Dental Director, Harbor Health Services Inc.
- Donna Bileto*, MA, CIRS-A,* Community Service Specialist, Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging
- Betty Hillier, LNHA, RCAL, CCNC-C, Assistant Administrator, Presence Saint Anne Center
- Cate Osterholz, Assistant Administrator, Presence Cor Mariae Center
- Becky Cook Kendall, Executive Director, Rockford Health Council

To register for the online event:
1. Click here.
2. Click "Register".
3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit".

Space is limited, so please register as early as possible. POC: Danielle.Nelson@AoA.hhs.gov

This webinar will be recorded and posted to the AoA and HRSA Oral Health web sites soon after the webinar.

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Free IHI Triple Aim Framework Informational Call

The IHI Triple Aim Framework—the simultaneous pursuit of better care for individuals, better health for populations and lower per capita costs—has become increasingly central to discussions about health care improvement. The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) pioneered the Triple Aim Framework and has piloted its development with leading systems, clinicians, grass roots organizations, and communities around the world, showing how ambitious organizations can get the results they are seeking in all three dimensions.

Starting in September, IHI will convene a [Triple Aim Improvement Community](#) working collaborative to pursue the Triple Aim. IHI can help you develop and implement strategies to achieve Triple Aim results for the populations you serve.

You are invited to participate in a [free informational call](#) to learn more about the IHI Triple Aim and the September launch of the Triple Aim Improvement Community working collaborative.

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

[Register](#).

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Webinar on Feel Good Bingo® for Older Adults

Screening for Mental Health® (SMH), a national nonprofit organization, is pleased to announce the opportunity for you to be involved with *Feel Good Bingo®*, a depression education program for older adults. The program kit and webinar training is being made available at no cost.

Feel Good Bingo® helps seniors start the conversation about the signs and symptoms of depression in a comfortable, social environment. Instead of letters and numbers, each player's game card contains various icons depicting common symptoms of depression. The game includes enough materials for 25 participants, including bingo game boards, bingo chips, screening forms, an educational flyer, facilitator cards and an implementation guide.

After the training, you will be able to identify the warning signs and symptoms of depression and suicide as it pertains to a population of older adults. Also, you will be able to successfully implement and facilitate the *Feel Good Bingo®* program.

Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

[Register](#).

Space is limited; please sign up early to ensure your first choice training date. You will receive your *Feel Good Bingo®* kit after participating in a training webinar.

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Tools & Information

ACL's Social Media Celebrates Older Americans in May

May is Older Americans Month and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) social media celebrates the accomplishments and new endeavors of older Americans. Research shows that many older adults are pursuing encore careers. ACL's Administration on Aging's (AoA) aging statistics widget features data on this trend and offers resources to learn more about how to transition to "encore careers." Click on the AoA statistics widget on the AoA Widgets page to view data on older Americans who are pursuing encore careers.

Also, during May AoA/ACL Facebook and Twitter pages offer ideas on how to celebrate and recognize the achievements of older Americans. Check our posts on the AoA Facebook page and ACL Facebook page, and our tweets on the AoA Twitter page and ACL Twitter page to learn about different ways you can honor older adults in your communities.

Our social media also highlights online resources with health information. AoA's e-cards link to resources with tips on nutrition, exercise and volunteering. We also offer e-cards to thank caregivers for the all the work that they do, caring for their loved ones. To view all AoA e-cards and select one for a friend, visit AoA's e-cards page.

If you have any questions or comments on our social media content, feel free to contact Augustina.Howe@aoa.hhs.gov.

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AGID: Redesigned with Enhanced New Features

The AGing Integrated Database (AGID), an on-line query system of Administration on Aging (AoA) data files and surveys, has been enhanced. The AGID home page has been redesigned with a "What's New" summary of recent AGID updates, and entirely new area of "Resources" added. The new Resources area has five sections: *About AGID, Release Notes, Data Sources, Instructional Videos*, and *FAQ*.
http://www.agidnet.org/

About AGID gives a brief overview of the AGID system. *Release Notes* chronicle the change history of the site. *Data Sources* provide information regarding the data available in AGID. The *Instructional Videos* section offers users a choice of

five AGID video tutorials. Finally, *FAQ* provides a list of frequently asked questions regarding AGID data sources and functionality.

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Surgeon General's Every Body Walk! Campaign

Dr. Regina Benjamin launched the Surgeon General's Every Body Walk! campaign to promote walking and walkable communities.

Walking is currently the most commonly reported form of physical activity among U.S. adults. Encouraging Americans to add walking to their daily routine has enormous long term health benefits and can help reach the physical activity goals outlined in the [2008 Physical Activity Guidelines](#).

Get more information and resources on walkable communities from campaign's partner, [America Walks](#).

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New FDA Patient Network Website

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently launched its [Patient Network Website](#). The site gives patients and advocates a bigger voice in medical product regulation, which includes drugs, devices and biologics.

The Website will:

- Educate the community about FDA regulatory and policy issues, the medical product development lifecycle, mechanisms in place to provide stakeholder input, Federal Register notices, and public meetings.
- Encourage patients and advocates to communicate with FDA.
- Show how patient advocates can serve on FDA working groups, become Patient Representatives, speak at meetings, and more. This is one way the FDA hopes to expand inclusion of the patient perspective in FDA initiatives, problem-solving, decision-making, and medical product development, review and approval.

This Web site also is home to the Patient Representative Program, where members of the public can apply to sit on official FDA Advisory Committees and act as consultants during the drug and device review processes.

How You Can Help
Given your Agency's commitment to working with patients, we would appreciate your help promoting FDA's Patient Network. At your request, we are

happy to send more information about the Web site and the role you or your office could play.

[Click here](#) for promotional materials. These tools include:

- Flyer describing the new Website
- Sample social media content (e.g., tweets or Facebook posts)
- Sample PowerPoint slide
- Drop-in e-newsletter article—a short and a long version to add to any newsletter
- Web badge

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Hepatitis Testing Day Is May 19

Preparations for the second annual observance of [Hepatitis Testing Day](#) on May 19th are underway and you can play a major role in making testing day a success. As called for in the [Action Plan for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis](#), Hepatitis Testing Day is a day for people at risk for viral hepatitis to be tested, and for health care providers to educate patients about chronic viral hepatitis and testing.

To support Hepatitis Testing Day activities, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently launched a new [Hepatitis Testing Day Event page](#). The page allows visitors to search for Hepatitis Testing Day events taking place near them and add information on other events throughout the month of May, which is also [Hepatitis Awareness Month](#).

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ADOPT Toolkit Helps Helping Organizations Design and Implement Connected Health Technology

The Center for Technology and Aging's [ADOPT Toolkit](#) will help you more quickly and easily design connected health technology-focused programs and to accelerate diffusion of proven technologies.

The tools on this website build on the Center's broad research and real-world experience and are designed for organizations committed to using connected health technology to dramatically improve chronic disease management. Connected health technologies that assist care coordination and improve the independence of older adults cover a very wide spectrum. The ADOPT Toolkit offers tools in four areas: Remote Patient Monitoring, Medication Optimization, Care Transitions, and Mobile Health.

Join CTA for a webinar to learn how you can use the ADOPT Toolkit for Planning and Building Best-in-Class Mobile Health Programs for Chronic Disease Management.

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. PDT (1:00pm to 2:00pm EDT)

Register.

Recent Reports

Two-Thirds of States Integrating Medicare and Medicaid Services for Dual Eligibles
Source: AARP Public Policy Institute
Date: April 2013

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May Observances

For the month:

Arthritis Awareness Month
Resources: Arthritis Foundation

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Theme: "I Want the Wide American Earth"
Asian American and Pacific islander Heritage Month, 2013 Presidential Proclamation
Message from HHS Secretary Sebelius
Resources: Smithsonian Institution Asian Pacific American Center or
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association

Healthy Vision Month
Resource: National Eye Institute

Hepatitis Awareness Month (May 19 is National Hepatitis Testing Day)
Resource: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Hepatitis Testing Day Webpage

High Blood Pressure Awareness Month
Resource: National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute

Jewish American Heritage Month
Theme: American Jews in Entertainment

Resource: [Jewish American Heritage Month](#)

National Fitness and Sports Month
[National Fitness and Sports Month, 2013 Presidential Proclamation](#)
Resource: [Healthfinder.gov](#) or [President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition](#)

National Mental Health Month
[National Mental Health Mon, 2013 Presidential Proclamation](#)
[Message from HHS Secretary Sebelius](#)

Theme: "Pathways to Wellness"
Resource: [Mental Health America](#)

Older Americans Month
Theme: "Unleash the Power of Age"
Resource: [ACL Older Americans Month Website](#)

Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month
Resource: [American Cancer Society](#)

Stroke Awareness Month
Resource: [National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke](#) or [National Stroke Association](#)

For the week:

National Prevention Week 2013 (May 12-18)
Theme: "Your voice. Your choice. Make a difference."
Resource: [HHS Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration National Prevention Week Webpage](#)

National Women's Health Week (May 12-18)
Theme: "It's your time!
Resource: [HHS Office on Women's Health National Women's Health Week Webpage](#)

National Hurricane Preparedness Week (May 26-June 1)
Resource: [National Hurricane Center](#)

For the Day:

Children's Mental Health Awareness Day (May 9)
Resource: [HHS Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Webpage](#)

World No Tobacco Day (May 31)
Theme: "Ban tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship"
Resource: WHO World No Tobacco Day Webpage

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